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## MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY

1. This Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, is Military Spouse Appreciation Day, a special day exclusively set aside to honor our spouses who contribute so much to our servicemembers and our military community. Through dedication and unyielding commitment, our military spouses meet the challenges of job, family and home, often serving as single parents when their servicemember spouse is on training exercises or deployment. The husbands and wives of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines deserve recognition and our deepest appreciation for their strength, patriotism and support.
2. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan established Military Spouse Appreciation Day, designating it to be the Friday before Mother's Day of each year. We celebrate this special day as a part of National Military Appreciation Month, which also observes Memorial Day, Victory Day and Armed Forces Week. The intent was to set a day aside for the contributions and sacrifices of military spouses which often go unnoticed and unappreciated. I urge you to take this special day to thank your spouse.
3. As we reach the end of another successful school year, I want to also congratulate our military parents for all of your efforts in assisting your children, your teachers and your schools. As dedicated and devoted as you are to your jobs, your love and commitment to your children in developing the future citizens and leaders of our nations is a obligation that we celebrate. As you head into the summer, thank you for all that you've done to ensure that your children have received the benefit of your counsel, your support, and your example.
4. I commend all our military spouses for your unwavering dedication and commitment. Thank you for the love and selfless support you offer your husband or wife, and our entire military team. You are our heroes, and I salute you!

We Go Together!

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General, US Army  
Commander

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